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Merr as Men on San Marcos Punished on Slight Pretext.

Soldiers Herded Like Cattle Between Decks Reeking with Filth.

SIX DAYS OF HORROR.

Sick and Wounded Sleep in Rough Board Bunks Without Bedding

THE FOOD BAD AND WATER FOUL

Men on the Transport Arrested for Talking, and the Captain Fires on a Tugboat Captain Who. Approaches Too Near.

No cattle ship that ever entered this port could rival in filthy decks the United steamed lato the Upper Bay from Key West yesterday, with 513 enlisted men packed below decks. They were lodged in fifth, they say, during the entire six days' voyage. They declare that Captain Abner martinet, and had them locked up on the slightest pretext.

They had insufficient food and of the coarsest sort. On reaching the Upper Bay the captain refused shore leave even to hose having relatives in New York, and threatened to have the first man who

Tugs and excursion craft were warned away by Captain Merrill, and he sent shot from his revolver across the bows if tug with two ladles in the pilot house because the tug captain had ventured to

# CZAR'S AMAZING



Emperor Nicholas, Czar of All the Russias.

## He Startles Europe by a Call for an of Company G. whose left leg was broken International Conference—Wants Armaments Reduced.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—By order of make every thinking being shudder in ad-Emperor Nicholas, Count Muravieff, the Foreign Minister, on August 24 handed to the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg a the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg a note declaring that the maintenance of peace and the reduction of the excessive arms, whole world-such is the supreme duty to whole world-such is the supreme duty to

Transportation Train Meets with an Accident Near Birmingham.

PRIVATE FARLY KILLED.

Sergeant Manning, Sergeant Glennon and Private Kildine Hurt.

OTHER MEN ARE SHAKEN UP.

None of the Officers Injured-Soldiers Were on Their Way from Fernandina to the New Camp at Huntsville.

Reports reached this city last night that he train containing a section of the Sixtyninth New York Regiment was wrecked ville from Fernandina, Fla. In response to the Journal's inquiry the following dis patch was received:

"Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 28, Editor New York Journal:

The first section of the Sixty-ninth New York Infantry train, containing Companies Fla., to Huntsville, Ala., was wrecked welve miles north of here.

Private Peter Farly, of Company G, was

vate Thomas Kildine, of Company G. was second secon

About twenty men were slightly shaken up and cut, but are able to get about. No

Other companies following in the sec

## 66 AM NOT GUILTY, "? DECLARES ALGER.

## ALGER BLAMES THE CAMP COMMANDERS.

THE OFFICERS CRITICISED:

CAMP TAMPA, . . . GEN. COPPINGER. GENS. BROOKE, WADE CAMP THOMAS, . . AND BRECKINRIDGE. CAMP ALGER, . . . GEN. GRAHAM. CAMP WIKOFF, GENS. WHEELER AND YOUNG.

OFFICERS HELD BLAMELESS:

CAMP AT JACKSONVILLE, . GENERAL LEE. SANTIAGO, . . . GENERAL SHAFTER. War Department Not to Blame for Camp Horrors.

The Secretary Hints That Line Officers Have Been Negligent

HE COURTS AN INQUIRY.

Says Commanders of Camps Failed to Report the Real Conditions.

### ALGER SAYS CAMP REPORTS MISLED HIM.

THESE camps were all in charge of regular army officers. It was part of their business to look after the health of the men; to report on the condition of their camps, and to see that the men had everything they needed. If anything was wanted all that had to be done was to ask for it. Yet there is nothing said about these officers. To see the public prints one would suppose that the only person to be criticised was the Secretary of War,

Camp commanders reported that the men were in good condition, that they wanted for nothing and that each camp was finely located. It was not until the newspapers began to bring news of the real condition of things that the War Department knew anything about it .- SECRETARY ALGER IN AN INTERVIEW.

ASHINGTON, Aug. 28.-Secretary of War Alger, in an interview this afternoon given to the Journal, defended the administration of his department. He places the blame for the horrible condition of camps on the shoulders of the officers in charge of those camps.

Secretary Alger says that neither he, the Surgeon-General, the Quartermaster-General nor the Commissions. General should be held responsible, and that it is an outrage to blame them. He declares they have filled every requisition that has been made, and every necessity or luxury that has been asked for,

The Secretary hopes that Congress will investigate all the charges made. He would order an investigath nimself, but fears the people would say that it was made by interested persons.

Secretary Alger was seen at his home on K street. He is recovering from his illness. He was indignant at the charges made against him, saying: "We have an army of 250,000 in the field, scattered from Manlla to Porto Several weeks ago the physicians at Fer. Rico, and yet the press of the country appears to think that the Secretary of War should locate every camp and nanding complained that the camp was so dig every sink for the men. It is ridiculous. It is true that every paper relating to this army passes over my desk.

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